**Subject:** Chat with Selena Leong
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4:47 PM **me**: so, you can't see me tonight, then?
**Selena**: what would you want to do?
**me**: well
we could hang out
drink beer
**Selena**: i'm being a lazy shit and watching "whip it" right now on my computer
**me**: play dwarf fortress
4:48 PM **Selena**: HAHAHAHA
ow my face
**me**: finish my column
you better stop laughing
I'll try not to be amusing
**Selena**: i can't
the dwarf fortress thing has me constantly cracking up
**me**: it is a pretty comedic name
**Selena**: it's HORRIBLE
**me**: I'M PLAYING DWARF FORTRESS
**Selena**: STOP
owww
**me**: lol
**Selena**: to know that you are sitting around
**me**: sorry
**Selena**: investing hours
4:49 PM in this low resolution game
it kills me
**me**: this is my only means of recreation
**Selena**: you need some other form of entertainment
**me**: well, I shoot hoops
right now my friends are watching this terribly-scripted fucking show
made by producers of the wire
**Selena**: i'd offer to do that with you but poor depth perception + general
inathleticism =
**me**: that's okay, I prefer to shoot alone
4:50 PM **Selena**: what show is that?
i liked "homicide: life on teh street"
the precursor to "the wire"
**me**: it's about New Orleans, don't know what it's called

about musicians
**Selena**: oh god
could there be a groupof people LESS interesting to make a show about
**me**: I can't help but make fun of it while they try to watch
dialog is fucking atrocious
whole thing is just over-produced and under-scripted
**Selena**: are they insisting that you leave?
**me**: no
4:51 PM **Selena**: "listen you naysayer, get out"
"barrett if youdon't shut up we're gonna shut you up for you"
**me**: they know how I feel about bad shows
they can't help but know because I won't shut up about them
**Selena**: nobody likes bad telev-oh wait, i do
**me**: fucking Mirna loves it
**Selena**: i watch CSI miami
bc it is SO TERRIBLE
**me**: yes
**Selena**: but i think the writers know
**me**: I get to see all the law and orders due to Mirna
**Selena**: i am SURE they are aware of how bad it is
**me**: yes
**Selena**: hey hold up
4:52 PM L&O was once a venerable franchise
**me**: I'm sure
**Selena**: years ago
criminal intent was originally pretty OK
so was SVU
**me**: basically, I get irrationally enraged by the mere thought of people watching certain things
**Selena**: but i think whoever is writing for SVU must be stoned or hate intelligent dialog
**me**: they're all amoral junkies
I think
**Selena**: haha wait what!
**me**: or they're just scumbags
4:53 PM unless they're really trying their best
**Selena**: wait who are the junkies
**me**: so, can you not have sex due to your mouth?
**Selena**: the writers?
**me**: the writers
**Selena**: OMG stop i'm cracking upagain
owww

well i can't kiss you
which puts a huge damper on things
and i can't give you a blow job, which again, kind of sucks

4:54 PM **me**: I don't really care about blow jobs
**Selena**: i would be some useless one hole blow up doll
what DO you care about
**me**: the vagina is pretty important
like, sexual intercourse
**Selena**: OK
that is pretty important, yes.
**me**: you can just pretend you're a prostitute who doesn't kiss clients on the lips
**Selena**: i think taking away some of my ability to create tactile sensation deprives both of us of pleasure though
**me**: an asleep prostitute, lol

4:55 PM **Selena**: hahaha you really liked that didn't you :(
hahahahahah
**me**: yes, it's not the perfect situation
but whatever
anyway, I want sex
**Selena**: well i would feel kind of shitty about it
hahaha
i wouldn't be performing up to my full potential

4:56 PM also i look like fucking jabba the hut
**me**: I don't care
**Selena**: well ***I*** care
**me**: if you're not down for it, that's cool
but my position is
that I want sex
**Selena**: at this moment, i think it might be something we should avoid
**me**: fine
**Selena**: and i would happily grant you such desires
had that stupid dog not eaten my face
**me**: yeah, the dog is a dumbass

4:57 PM **Selena**: well, yeah. though i guess it's my fault
i should know better than to get all kissy face w/ a strange dog
**me**: he gets freaked out sometimes
**Selena**: yeah.
so it's my fault and i accept that.
and i kind of don't want you to see me looking like i got doored
**me**: is that the problem?
**Selena**: that i look like a monster?
it is partially

4:58 PM but i am such an orally fixated person
that a mouth injury is REALLY problematic
i would be lying if i said i were not at all concerned about looking like a mangled beast
**me**: very well
**Selena**: i went to my friends' house yesterday to play poker and i felt so dumb
4:59 PM however, since i know mouth wounds heal up fairly quickly
esp. bc i had a stupid monroe piercing a few years ago
i should be OK in a couple days. minus the scabs all ove rmy nose.
5:01 PM **me**: the terrible dialog damages my brain more when I'm stoned
I sense it more strongly
and I'm really stoned now
**Selena**: what recourse have you for recovering brain capacity
5:02 PM **me**: dwarf fortress
**Selena**: oh god
my lip is about to explode bc i can't stop laughing
you are cruel
5:04 PM **me**: yep
5:05 PM **Selena**: is from behind your preferred sexual position?
5:06 PM **me**: yep
but I'm up to be converted
**Selena**: is that because it is kind of impersonal?
5:07 PM **me**: no
because it's more sexual
by virtue of being sort of animalistic
**Selena**: oh yes right you said something like that
humping like two wild dogs
that's the appeal to you?
**me**: or at least, makes participants more aware of the primal nature
**Selena**: you enjoy being as real?
**me**: of the sex
yes
**Selena**: yes sex is primal
BUT
5:08 PM it has other uses
blah blah to bring people together emotionally
**me**: I agree
this is just one of the aspects
**Selena**: i mean i spent years only able to have an orgasm while on my back
and actually
i still haven't had one w/ someone else while on all fours.
or on my stomach

5:09 PM it's been all...er, self induced
so obviously i am ALL FOR practicing w/ a real life human being
5:10 PM **me**: yeah, I read that on your blog, I'm down for all positions so whatever works for you
**Selena**: hahaha how noble of you
to offer your penis to me
5:11 PM **me**: I post a message on the commentator Juan Cole's facebook page asking if he's ready to ee something about the project he'd requested and he clicks the "I like this" buttom
instead of, like, replying
**Selena**: maybe he doesn't know how ot use FB
**me**: it's likely
he's a professor
**Selena**: why don't you just send him a message
if he's older than 35 he probably isn't the best at FB
**me**: I did
**Selena**: hmmm
**me**: he has a crazy e-mail inflow
**Selena**: why don't you call him.
ah.
**me**: probably will
**Selena**: well he'll get to you eventually then.
persistence!
5:12 PM **me**: I know, just the I like this was amusing
5:13 PM **Selena**: or he's passively avoiding you
5:14 PM **me**: nah
he's interested in joining the project, I've talked to him via phone before for like a while
5:15 PM just works as professor, blogger, Tv pundit, other stuff, extraordinarily busy
**Selena**: so basically he's you but worse
**me**: just being a blogger is pretty damn time-consuming
yeah
**Selena**: throw in "professor"
**me**: I spend most of my time fucking around
**Selena**: somehow you get paid to fuck around.
5:18 PM some guy just sent me a message on OKC calling me a snot!
**me**: actually writing a piece now involving the fact that one has to spend a lot of time fucking around on the internet in order to understand what's going on culturally
a snot?
why?
**Selena**: yes a snot

bc like, months ago we were talkinga bou tmeeting
but he seemed kind of like a loser alcoholic
also he said he was a writer blah blah
5:19 PM and i don't know, i guess i wasn' feeling it
so i just said uh i'm busy, sorry
and cut to him sending me a msg weeks later "i don't like you anymore, you're a flake"
so i wrote back "i'm not too broken up about that"
i mean come on, what else am i supposed to say
his response was "oh and a snot too"
5:20 PM i'm like, this dude is 35 years old
thanks for being a passive aggressive child to tell me you don't like me
bc i was perfectly content to forget you completely as you did not register
5:21 PM does that make me a snot?!
**me**: a lot of guys are wacky crybabies
**Selena**: well when he said that he spends most of his time at a local bar
called it his KITCHEN, if i recall correctly
that was like OK, i'm out, this guy is a drunk
**me**: drunks are awesome
**Selena**: and hey don't get me wrong, i too am a drunk
i'm a drunk
5:22 PM but i don't want to date another drunk.
i'm the fuck up here, goddammit
**me**: I understand
**Selena**: i can't be with someone who is MORE fucked up than me!
oh also he lives in jersey
5:27 PM **me**: lol Jersey
**Selena**: yeah well
i'm a snot

9 minutes

5:37 PM **me**: now I'm going to play dwarf fortress at Union Pool, zomglol
laterz
**Selena**: hahaha